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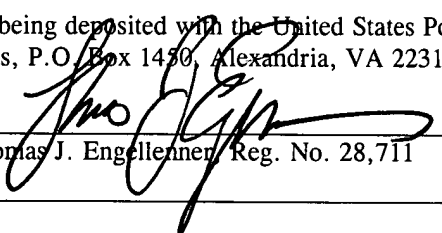
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants hereby cite for the record in this application the documents listed on the attached copy of PTO Form 1449. Due to the voluminous nature of this disclosure, a copy of the references are not submitted herewith. The Examiner is kindly requested to call the Attorney for Applicants to request that copies of the references be sent directly to the Examiner's office.

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PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee or certification is required in accordance with §1.97(b)(3). However, if any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 105090-207, Customer No. 021125.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicants hereby make the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

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PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

AT 400 305 B generally relates to a device for treatment of skin zones.

DE 3837248 A1 generally relates to a device for the treatment of skin changes.

EP 1038505 A2 generally relates to a radiation apparatus for optical thermolysis.

FR 2199453 generally relates to a cooling device for phototherapy with high light levels.

FR 2591902 generally relates to an apparatus for external laser therapy.

RU4954402 (Pub. No. 2122848) generally relates to a reflexotherapy device.

RU94012665 (Pub. No. 2089126) generally relates to a method of treatment of tooth hard tissues by laser radiation and device for its realization.

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RU94040344 (Pub. No. 2089127) generally relates to a method of treatment of tooth hard tissues by laser radiation and device for its realization.

RU95102749 (Pub. No. 2096051) generally relates to an apparatus for laser treatment of biological tissues.

RU95105406 (Pub. No. 2082337) generally relates to a tip piece of laser system for treating biological tissue.

WO 96/25979 generally relates to devices for use in the laser treatment of biological tissue and variants thereof.

WO 01/42671 A1 generally relates to a guide rail for a linear bearing.

PART IV: Remarks

It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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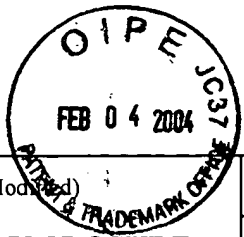
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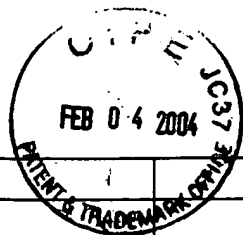
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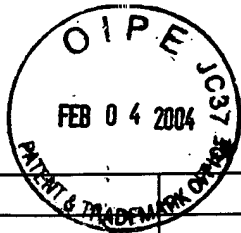
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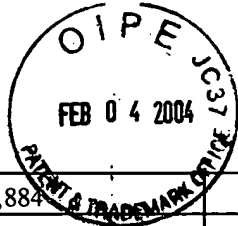
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